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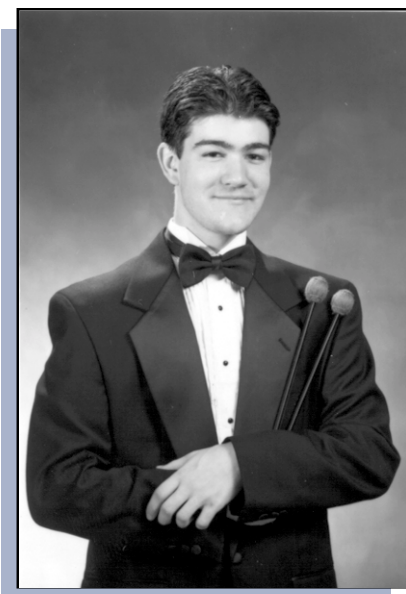
Colonel Lowell E. Graham, Commander/Conductor

March-April 2000

WINNER OF THE USAF BAND COLONEL GEORGE S. HOWARD YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION IS ANNOUNCED

The United States Air Force Band is pleased to announce that Nathan Lassell, marimbist, is the winner of the 2000 Colonel George S. Howard Young Artist Competition. He is a senior at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Lassell will be performing *Tambourin Chinois* by Fritz Kreisler with the Concert Band on Sunday, March 19 at 3 p.m. at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

The other three finalists who appeared at the finals on January 8 were trumpeter Nathaniel Hepler, a junior from Malvern, Pennsylvania, and tubists Brian McBride, a sophomore from New Bern, North Carolina, and Ed Vinson, a senior from Auburn, Alabama. Ed's older brother Lee Vinson, now a third year percussion major at the Eastman School of Music, was a finalist in 1996. The judges for the finals were principal players from the Concert Band along with Deputy Commander Major Frank Grzych. Judges' evaluation forms were returned to all entrants, giving them a rare opportunity for feedback.



Nathan Lassell

For the first time this year, the competition was open only to brass and percussion instruments. Next year's competition will be open only to woodwinds. These categories will alternate annually.

The competition is named for the second commander and conductor of The USAF Band to honor his contribution to young musicians and to the United States Air Force. Repertoire and dates for the competition are announced each April. Information about this competition appears on The Air Force Band home page, <http://www.bolling.af.mil/band>, and in many national music publications. Complete information may be also obtained by contacting TSgt George Stoffan at (202) 404-8363 or george.stoffan@bolling.af.mil.

Guest Artist Series 2000 continues through March...see page 3 for details.

Check our calendar of events on page 5 for information about all USAF Band performances.